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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ULTRA-THIN BACK-ILLUMINATED SOLID-STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE	)	

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Dear Sir:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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